

**SUMMARIZED MINUTES  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2006**



**CITY HALL KIVA FORUM  
3939 DRINKWATER BOULEVARD  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bachmann called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chair Bachmann, Commissioners Berg, Bowers, Czapinski, Fausel and Hemmingsen

**Also Present:** Connie James, Mark Bethel, Donna Brower, Dawn Cagan, Cindy Ensign, Vicki French, Valerie Kime Trujillo, Rita Koppinger, Justin Lisonbee, Jack Miller and Mary Kay Rieke

**Absent:** Vice-chair Reid

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Bachmann called for a motion to approve the February 16, 2006 meeting minutes. Ms. James indicated that Paul Ludwick, Human Services Manager requested changes in the minutes as follows: on page 11, Mr. Ludwick did not "seek a recommendation from the board" rather, he asked Commissioners for questions and/or comments. Chair Bachmann moved for approval of the February 16, 2006 meeting minutes as corrected; Commissioner Czapinski seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**AMERICA'S PROMISE – 100 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Connie James, Human Services Director, presented an overview of America's Promise and Scottsdale's recent designation as one of the "100 Best Communities for Young People." In addition, Ms. James highlighted the "Five Promises" that are critical to positive youth development.

**AMERICA'S PROMISE - 100 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - YOUTH TESTIMONIALS**

Three Scottsdale youth leaders: Mitsuaki Chi, a senior at Chaparral High School and President of the Chaparral Rotary Interact Club; Alys Mae Oxentenko, a junior at Saguaro High School who represented the Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council and Sam Gray, a senior at Desert Mountain High School who represented the Scottsdale Unified School District's Service Learning Program shared their experiences of how the "Five Promises" have made a difference in their lives, and how they are now serving their community

Commissioner Bowers asked Mr. Chi what other project he is involved in besides visiting orphanages in Mexico. Mr. Chi said that his organization has donated money to Make a Wish Foundation – this past year the school raised \$20,000 and the Interact Club was the greatest contributor with \$1,000. He added that the club also holds dog washes that earn money for animal shelters.

Chair Bachmann asked about Mr. Chi's statement that the Interact Club started out with 25 members and now has 150 and why he thinks the club has grown. Mr. Chi said that it is just people who spread the word about the club and what we do. Chair Bachmann complimented Mr. Chi on his presentation.

Chair Bachmann asked Ms. Oxentenکو about her involvement in science and did she feel that the field of science was opening up to women. Ms. Oxentenکو stated yes, the science field is changing because at the last Science Olympiad, the top three scores were awarded a cash prize and she and one of her girl friends were in the top three.

Chair Bachmann asked Ms. Oxentenکو what career she was thinking about and Ms. Oxentenکو said either a hydrologist or geologist. She added that at the Science Olympiad she spoke to a hydrologist from Salt River Project who was very interested in her work. She added that she gained a good deal of information about his work; so, being a hydrologist may be a fun career.

Chair Bachmann asked Mr. Gray what his plans were after graduation and how the Service Learning program helped him. Mr. Gray said that he is first going on a trip and then he will attend Baylor University in the fall. Mr. Gray said that the Service Learning Program prepared him for higher education in that you learn so much about yourself through peer leadership and that his experiences with the program have given him the skills for running a program that would rival any other companies'. He added that the program has also given him time management skills and the knowledge of how to succeed.

#### AMERICA'S PROMISE – 100 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - RESOLUTION

Connie James read the resolution for America's Promise – 100 Best Communities for Young People.

The Human Services Commission reviewed and considered a vote to formalize a resolution to promote *America's Promise* in Scottsdale.

Chair Bachmann called for a vote to adopt the America's Promise resolution; Commissioner Fausel moved and Hemmingsen seconded the resolution of support carried unanimously.

#### CDBG AND HOME FUNDS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

On February 6, 2006, the Human Services Commission conducted a public hearing and heard testimony from applicants for CDBG and HOME funding for fiscal year 2006-2007. On February 16, 2006, the Human Services Commission and two representatives from the Housing Board discussed and proposed funding recommendations, which were entered onto a spreadsheet that indicated each agency and the amount of their proposed allocation. This agenda item allowed the Human Services Commission to formally vote on CDBG and HOME proposed funding recommendations indicated on the spreadsheet, which will be considered by the City Council on April 25, 2006.

Chair Bachmann asked if any commissioners had a conflict of interest; there were no replies.

Chair Bachmann called for a motion to approve the proposed CDBG and HOME funding allocations. Commissioner Czapinski moved to approve and accept the proposed CDBG and HOME funding allocations. Commissioner Berg seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

#### GENERAL FUNDS, SCOTTSDALE CARES AND ENDOWMENT FUND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

On February 8, 2006, the Human Services Commission conducted a public hearing and heard testimony from applicants requesting General Fund, Scottsdale Cares or Endowment funding for fiscal year 2006-2007. On February 16, 2006, the Human Services Commission and two representatives from the Housing Board discussed and proposed funding recommendations, which were entered onto a spreadsheet that indicated each agency and the amount of their proposed allocation. This agenda item

allowed the Human Services Commission to formally vote on General Funds, Scottsdale Cares and Endowment proposed funding recommendations indicated on the spreadsheet, which will be considered by the City Council on April 25, 2006. Each item was voted on separately as follows:

- ❖ General Funds
- ❖ Scottsdale Cares
- ❖ Endowment Funds

Chair Bachmann asked if any commissioners had a conflict of interest; there were no replies.

Chair Bachmann called for a motion to approve and accept the proposed General Fund allocations. Commissioner Czapinski moved to approve and accept the proposed General Fund allocations. Commissioner Bachmann seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Bachmann called for a motion to approve and accept the proposed Scottsdale Cares funding allocations. Commissioner Hemmingsen moved to approve and accept the proposed Scottsdale Cares funding allocations. Commissioner Czapinski seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Bachmann called for a motion to approve and accept the proposed Endowment Fund allocations. Commissioner Bachmann moved to approve and accept the proposed Endowment Fund allocations. Commissioner Fausel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

#### 2006 HUMAN SERVICES FIVE-YEAR PLAN UPDATE

Cindy Ensign, Human Services Planner/Budget Specialist, distributed draft copies of the 2006 Human Services Five-Year Plan Update, gave a brief overview and noted specific focus areas for the Human Services Commission's input. Ms. Ensign asked Commission members to provide input to her via telephone (480) 312-2646, email [censign@ScottsdaleAz.gov](mailto:censign@ScottsdaleAz.gov), or at the April 13 commission meeting. Ms. Ensign will incorporate the information that she receives by March 28 into the next draft, and will highlight those changes at the April 13 commission meeting. In addition, commissioners will be asked to provide any additional input at the April 13 meeting. The Human Services Commission will then formally vote to approve the 2005 Human Services Five-Year Plan at the May 11 Human Services Commission meeting.

#### STAFF AND COMMISSION UPDATES

Connie James discussed the March 23 tour of two facilities: Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services (STARS) and the Chrysalis shelter. She indicated that, because STARS participants all leave at 3:30 PM, to get a better feel for the program it would be more beneficial to tour the facility before the regular commission meeting time at 5:00 PM. Ms. James indicated that all commissioners have indicated that they can attend at 3:00 PM, except for Commissioner Bowers. She suggested that, if acceptable by the commission, that she tour the facility with Commissioner Bowers at a different time; or the entire commission can tour the STARS facility at 5:00 PM.

Commissioner Bowers stated that she would rather the commissioners tour the facility at 3:00 PM when the participants are there and she can tour the facility at another time with Ms. James. All commissioners agreed and they will tour the STARS facility at 3:00 PM.

Chair Bachmann asked when they would tour Chrysalis, if they tour STARS at 3:00 PM and Ms. James said she would contact the commission with that information.

Ms. James then indicated that commissioners should meet at the Pepperwood Parking lot at 7340 Scottsdale Mall at 3 PM and they will then be taken by the new shuttle, acquired through a grant from the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, to the STARS facility.

Ms. James thanked all of the commissioners for being so dedicated and committed during the huge process of funding recommendations. She added that from spending hours hearing the proposals to spending more hours making the difficult decision of deciding what agencies will be funded, commissioners have a big job. Ms. James complimented commissioners for helping staff through the process. Ms. James also thanked all the staff that helped through the process.

Ms. James then thanked Valerie Kime Trujillo for her work on the America's Promise presentations for the evening. Ms. James then introduced Valerie Kime Trujillo who updated the commission on the following:

**Human Services Administration** - Scottsdale's Boomerz' Project is sponsoring a "Get Involved! Expo" on March 29 from 2 to 7 pm at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library. The Expo will feature 40 non-profits seeking volunteers, a keynote speaker on Rediscovering the Second Half of your Life, and several workshops on volunteering. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone seeking volunteers for their organization, or for anyone seeking volunteer opportunities. For more information, call (480) 423-6188 or visit [www.BoomerzAZ.com](http://www.BoomerzAZ.com). **Civic Center Senior Center** - The New Granite Reef Senior Center is at an approximate 85% completion rate. Anticipated construction finish date is May 2006. The tax season at the senior centers and Paiute Neighborhood Center is in full bloom. Contact any of the facilities to make a tax appointment free of charge with the friendly AARP volunteers. The fourth annual "Tony Scelzo" Entertainment Extravaganza will be held on Friday April 21 at 1:00 p.m. in our ballroom. For more information about participating or attending please call 480-312-2375.

**Community Assistance Office** - The Housing Board at their January 10 meeting approved Annual Agency Plan for FY 2005/06 and the update of the Scottsdale Housing Agency Administrative Plan. Both Plans will go to the City Council at their March 21 City Council Meeting. The Administrative Plan is a comprehensive guide to public housing policies, program operations, and strategies for meeting local housing needs and goals stated in Agency Plan. HUD requires the Agency Plan to be updated and approved by the City Council annually. As of March 2006, 643 individuals and families are receiving housing assistance from the Section 8 Program. Staff is continuing to work with 12 families pulled from the waitlist. Currently, there are over 200 clients on the Waiting List. A Job Specialist from Maricopa County will be available Mondays and Wednesdays to assist One Stop Customers in their job searches.

**Paiute Neighborhood Center** - Artist in resident Ethel Dias started her residency February 1. The residency is creative movement through dance. We currently have 20 youth participating in the workshop. Final performance is scheduled for April 27. On Tuesday, Feb 21, the Paiute Neighborhood Center honored seventy volunteers with a luncheon prepared and served by the Paiute staff. The volunteers represented service to the center's many agencies and programs. The center manager, joined agency and center staff in recognizing service to the programs at PNC. The Partners for Paiute are having their annual Celebration Breakfast on April 7, 2006 at 7:30 am at The Chaparral Suites. For more information, please call 480-312-2529. **Via Linda Senior Center** - The Via Linda Senior Center continues to offer free hearing, vision and blood pressure screenings on a regular basis. Please call the Center at 480-312-5810 for days and times of blood pressure screenings, or to schedule a vision or hearing screening. Early Voting is currently taking place every weekday at Via Linda from 9 am to 4 pm. A 14-passenger shuttle bus has been added to our pool vehicle fleet. A classroom and behind the wheel training program for staff has been developed by Risk Management and 24 Human Services and Recreation staff members have already participated. Over 50 students from the Scottsdale School District's Service Learning Program volunteered their time on February 18 and 19 to assist with the Senior Olympics Track and Field Events. The students assisted athletes, timed racers in the track events, and measured distances for the field events. This annual event provides a wonderful opportunity for teens and seniors to spend a weekend working together. Senior Boot Camp is a wonderful opportunity for senior citizens to go through a physical fitness assessment with certified personal trainers, Derek and Tracey. This assessment will be used to create an individualized workout plan, which will help seniors meet their fitness goals. In February, six people took advantage of this fitness program. Please call the Via Linda Senior Center at 312-5810 for more information. **Vista del Camino** - Community Legal Services is offering divorce and family law workshops at Vista del Camino on the second Thursday of each month. Contact Community Legal Services at 480-833-1442 to arrange for a screening and/or registration. In February, the Pinnacle Peak Realtor's Group presented Vista del Camino with a check for \$12,159 from their annual Holiday Event. These funds have traditionally been divided between Vista

social services and recreation programs. Plans for the Vista del Camino Community Center Expansion and Remodel have been submitted to Plan Review. The 90% cost estimate showed the projected costs over budget by one million. Value engineering brought the cost down to approximately \$500,000 over budget. Efforts are underway to identify the funds needed to proceed with the project. **Youth and Family Services** - The Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council held it's February meeting at the Scottsdale City Court, where they learned about the local court system, and laws pertaining to youth. They saw first-hand how the court operates, and had a question and answer session with Presiding Judge Morgan, and Janet Cornell, Court Administrator. Youth Services Teen Employment Staff will be offering a series of workshops on employment, customer service, and other job-seeking topics at the Library's new teen center, Knowasis, starting in March. Teen Employment staff and school district staff are planning a Spring Job Fair. The fair will be held at Saguaro High School, from 3:00 to 6:30, on April 25. The Job Fair will highlight opportunities for employment, as well as volunteer opportunities.

#### OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Bachmann made an open call to the public for comments/questions/announcements or other business. There were no replies.

#### ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

With no further business to discuss, Chair Bachmann requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chair Fausel moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Hemmingsen seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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#### SUBMITTED BY:

Recording Secretary

#### REVIEWED BY:

Connie James  
Director, Human Services

Officially approved by the Human Services Commission on \_\_\_\_\_